

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
Public Meeting Room A
Delta Township Administration Building
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, Treasurer Howard Pizzo, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Trustee Dennis Fedewa, Trustee Douglas Kosinski, and Trustee Karen Mojica

Members Absent: Trustee Jeff Hicks

Others Present: Acting Manager Jeff Anderson, Lt. Mark Wriggelsworth, Fire Chief John Clark, Assistant Chief Mike Roman, Community Development Department Director Mark Graham, Assessing Department Director Brian Thelen, Economic Development Coordinator Ed Reed, Library Director Cherry Hamrick, and Community Development Department Assistant Director Gary Bozek

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED TO EXCUSE TRUSTEE HICKS FROM THE MARCH 2, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TRUSTEE KOSINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA *(maximum two minutes)*

Shelly Smith, Barry/Eaton District Health Department gave the Board some community highlights, and she mentioned a couple of programs that the department is currently running.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES –

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, CLERK CLARK, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE FEDEWA, TRUSTEE KOSINSKI, AND TRUSTEE MOJICA.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE HICKS

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

1. Bills and Financial Transactions	\$	1,919,267.09
Bond/Debt Payments		
Investments		
Payroll & Related		316,675.17
Refunds		1,952.02
Tax Distributions		984,102.25
Vendor Claims		616,537.65
Total	\$	1,919,267.09

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,919,267.09.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

2. Minutes –

February 16, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting
February 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2015 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – NONE.

XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3. Final Consideration of Meijer Distribution, Inc. Rezoning Request, Case No. 1-15-1

Trustee Fedewa asked if there were any concerns from the Planning Commission regarding this case.

Mr. Bozek indicated that there were concerns regarding screening along roadways.

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT THE DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 1-15-1 FROM I1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, TO I2, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, BECAUSE THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 25.4.0 OF THE DELTA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE FOR AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP HAVE BEEN AFFIRMATIVELY SATISFIED WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE AREA IN QUESTION POSSESSES PHYSICAL, GEOLOGICAL, HYDROLOGICAL AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES COMPATIBLE WITH THE I2, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL, ZONING DISTRICT, AND THE SUBJECT PARCEL CAN BE ADEQUATELY SERVED BY PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES.
2. THE PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION CONFORMS TO THE GOALS AND POLICIES EXPRESSED IN THE DELTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

3. THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE WOULD ALLOW DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SUBJECT PARCEL.
4. THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS STATED IN CHAPTER 1 (SECTION 1.1.0) OF THE ORDINANCE, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XV. MANAGER’S REPORT – Jeff Anderson, Acting Township Manager

Mr. Anderson stated that there were two major water main breaks on Saginaw Highway during the week of February 23, 2015.

Michigan Municipal League is in support of the 1% increase in sales tax proposal. There is an increase in revenue sharing portion in the proposal, the projection for Delta Township would be \$298,000.00 in constitutional revenue sharing in 2016 should the sales tax increase pass..

MDOT has been in contact with Delta Township, they will need to complete the project on I-496 that was started last fall. They will be submitting a two week noise waiver request at the end of the month similar to the request approved in the fall of 2014.

To date, there have been 38 applications submitted for the Delta Township Senior Council.

Eaton County Road Commission’s annual township road update will be on March 30, 2015 at 7:00 PM. The Road Commission is asking individuals to send an RSVP if they plan to attend.

Clerk Clark mentioned that the League of Women Voters will be doing an information forum on the sales tax increase on March 31, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Delta Township District Library.

XVI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4. Greater Lansing Taxi Authority (GLTA)

Supervisor Fletcher stated that the City of Lansing and the City of East Lansing have created joint licensing program to license taxi companies for multiple jurisdictions, and they are now reaching out to other jurisdictions to join the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority [GLTA].

East Lansing Mayor Nathan Triplett stated that for many years, the cities of Lansing and East Lansing have independently licensed taxi cab companies. He stated that Delta Township, Delhi Township, Meridian Township, and Lansing Township will be the first group of jurisdictions invited to join the GLTA.

The GLTA would promote regionalism, and this would help ensure that the taxis are properly licensed and registered, and the drivers submit to a background check.

Mr. Graham presented the pros and cons of Delta Township joining the GLTA to the Township Board. Mr. Graham stated that there is a definite need for taxi services in Delta Township.

Mayor Triplett stated that the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitor's Bureau has received complaints regarding the lack of availability of taxi services in Delta Township, and the lack of quality taxi services.

Trustee Kosinski asked if the GLTA has reached out to the Lansing Airport Authority.

Mayor Triplett stated that the Airport Authority does have an ex-officio seat on the GLTA Board of Directors.

Trustee Kosinski asked Mayor Triplett about financing for the GLTA.

Mayor Triplett stated that the Authority is set up to be paid for by license fees charged to the taxi cab companies.

Supervisor Fletcher asked Mayor Triplett about Delta Township being offered one seat on the Board for GLTA, compared to three seats for both the City of Lansing and the City of East Lansing.

Mayor Triplett stated that the number of seats on the Board reflects the density and obligation of service.

Clerk Clark asked Mayor Triplett if legislation could still be passed that would eliminate the GLTA.

Mayor Triplett stated that legislation could always preempt the GLTA, they are trying to strengthen their position in order to prevent that from happening.

Supervisor Fletcher asked if there has been an issue with standardized fares.

Mayor Triplett stated that there are complaints regarding fare rates fluctuating. The GLTA would regulate the rate schedule and prohibit negotiated fares.

A discussion ensued among Board members regarding the pros and cons of Delta Township joining the GLTA.

5. Annual Reports: Assessing Department, Community Development (Planning, Engineering, and Economic Development) Division, and Library

Brian Thelen, Assessing Department Director, gave updates on property assessed values over the past three years, and how they compare to the rest of Eaton County. Mr. Thelen also reviewed Township tax roll totals, and distribution of tax funds.

Mark Graham, Community Development Director, reviewed performance indicators for the Planning and Engineering Divisions over the past three years. Mr. Graham also reviewed the accomplishments of the Planning and Engineering Divisions for 2014, and tasks completed for West Saginaw Highway.

Ed Reed, Economic Development Coordinator, reviewed performance indicators for the past three years, and accomplishments for the Economic Development Division for 2014.

Cherry Hamrick, Delta Township District Library Director, reviewed library statistics and programs for 2014. Ms. Hamrick mentioned that they held the final “Run For Reading” race in 2014, but the “Jingle Belle 5K For Women” will be continued by the Delta-Waverly Rotary Club. In response to a question regarding library materials not returned, Ms. Hamrick stated that patrons are eventually turned over to the Eaton County Prosecutor’s Office for not returning library materials, but they are given ample opportunity and multiple reminders before this happens.

6. Closed Session

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (ACT 267 OF 1976), SECTION 15.268 (F) TO REVIEW THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, CLERK CLARK, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE FEDEWA, TRUSTEE KOSINSKI, AND TRUSTEE MOJICA.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE HICKS

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0. BOARD MEMBERS BEGAN CLOSED SESSION AT 7:54 PM.

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:16 PM.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

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KENNETH FLETCHER, SUPERVISOR

MARY R. CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK